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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 18, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE-2002-00377

To revise its fuel factor  
Pursuant to Va. Code § 56-249.6

### PROCEDURAL ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

On July 1, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company (“Virginia Power” or “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) its application, written testimony, and exhibits requesting a decrease in its fuel factor. Concurrently, and by motion dated July 1, 2002, the Company also requested that the Commission enter a protective order governing the treatment of confidential information in the Company’s fuel factor proceeding.

The Commission entered an Order on July 16, 2002, docketing this case and establishing a procedural schedule therefor.<sup>1</sup> Now that the matter is docketed, we will address the Company’s protective order motion by establishing an expedited schedule under which interested parties and the Commission Staff may file comments thereon, and the Company will be afforded the opportunity to reply.

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the September 25, 2002, hearing date established for this case places this proceeding on an accelerated schedule. However, our purpose in doing so was to ensure that fuel factor information would be available as soon as practically possible for purposes of calculating incumbent utilities’ prices to compare and wires charges effective January 1, 2003, and making that information available to competitive suppliers and marketers as far in advance of that date as possible.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-110, *Motions*, shall be modified for purposes of this motion, as follows: Interested parties and the Commission Staff may comment on the Company's motion by filing responses thereto with the Clerk of the Commission, not later than 5 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, July 23, 2002. The Staff and interested parties shall contemporaneously serve copies of any such responses on counsel for the Company in this matter: Pamela J. Walker, Esquire, and Karen L. Bell, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Such service shall be accomplished by hand-delivery, or via facsimile or e-mail transmission.

(2) The Company may file any reply to such responses not later than not later than 5 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

(3) This matter is continued generally.